

Washington, DC - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced \$71,535 in grant money today for the Delaware Volunteer Fire Department. This grant is part of the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program.

"I'm happy to announce this award for the volunteer fire department in Delaware," Braley said. "These firefighters have generously and bravely committed their time to keeping their community safe. This money will provide them with safety gear and tools necessary to continue to do their job and protect families in Iowa."

The money will be used specifically to purchase 12 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses. They will also invest in a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) pack, which aids teams rescuing a firefighter who has lost oxygen or is in distress.

AFG grants are distributed through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration.